



ADMISSION TO THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

You must be accepted to George Fox University prior to submitting your application to the School of Nursing Program. Admission to the Nursing Program is competitive and meeting the admission criteria does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Applicants are admitted in the spring to begin nursing school as sophomores the following fall.

The fall 2018 Application deadline for all applicants is April 3, 2018 at 4:00 pm

- Incomplete admission applications will not be reviewed.
- For courses in progress at time of application, an unofficial transcript must be included with your application. Official final transcripts must be submitted to the Admissions Office no later than June 25, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

Final applicant selection notification will be communicated by May 9, 2018. Final acceptance will be contingent upon successful completion of any prerequisite courses in process at time of application.

Admission Criteria

The following criteria must be met to be eligible for consideration for admission to the Baccalaureate Nursing Program:

Prerequisite Courses

ALL first year prerequisite classes must be successfully completed (grade of C or better) by the end of spring semester in the application year.

- a. General, Organic & Biological Chemistry – 1 semester with lab - (CHEM 151)
- b. Human Anatomy & Physiology 1 year with lab - (BIOL 331,332)
- c. College Algebra (Math 180) – does not include Statistics
- d. General Psychology (PSYC 150)
- e. Intro to Communication (COMM 100)
- f. LIBA 100 Writing Competency or Freshman Composition College Writing

Unofficial Transcripts

Please attach to your application copies of any unofficial transcripts related to the pre-requisite courses. This includes courses taken at George Fox University as well as at other colleges or universities.

Official Transcripts

It is the responsibility of each applicant to make sure all **official transcripts** for courses taken at other colleges or universities are on file with the GFU Registrar Office before a final decision can be made regarding their application for admission to the Nursing program. Course grades must be on transcripts.

All applicants: Official transcript evaluation must be completed through the Registrar Office for all prerequisite courses not taken at GFU prior to application.

Transfer / Second-degree students: Transfer credit evaluation must be completed by the GFU Registrar for all *previous* course work before an application is submitted. Verification of current courses and an official transcript is required when returning the application packet. Official transcripts for courses currently in progress at time of application must be submitted to the GFU School of Nursing office by June 25, 2018.

HESI Admission Assessment Exam (A²)

Each applicant must complete this ***mandatory*** entrance examination.

- The HESI A² consists of questions pertaining to: Anatomy and Physiology, Chemistry, Math, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, Critical Thinking and questions to determine Learning and Personality styles.
- The HESI A² can only be taken one time per application period.
- All applicants must complete the HESI A² Exam by April 3, 2018.

Selection Process

Priority Consideration for Admission

Students who entered George Fox University as a freshman may receive consideration for priority admission status by meeting the following criteria:

- Obtain a 3.3 minimum cumulative grade point average in all prerequisite classes.
- Maintain a 3.3 minimum cumulative grade point average in math and science classes including MATH 180, CHEM 151, and Anatomy & Physiology BIO 221 & 222.
- Meet all nursing application criteria.
- Demonstrate evidence of good citizenship and responsibility.
- Maintain full time student status at George Fox University.

Admission is not guaranteed and depends on the competitive applicant pool from year to year. Once admitted into the nursing program, continuation in the program is not guaranteed.

Regular Admission

The following criteria must be met for admission of George Fox students and transfer/second degree students:

- Obtain a 2.8 minimum cumulative grade point average in all prerequisite classes.

- Obtain a 2.8 minimum cumulative grade point average in math and science classes including MATH 180, CHEM 151, and Anatomy & Physiology BIO 221 & 222 (or their equivalents).
- It is strongly recommended that all science prerequisite course work be completed within the last five years.
- Meet all nursing application criteria.
- Demonstrate evidence of good citizenship and responsibility.

Once admitted into the nursing program, continuation in the program is not guaranteed. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 does not guarantee admission into the nursing program.

Application

All applicants must complete an application online and email the completed application to the Nursing Program Administrative Assistant, Jenny Vuksich at nursing@georgefox.edu. The application deadline is April 3, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

The fillable application can be found at

<http://www.georgefox.edu/academics/undergrad/departments/nursing/Prospective%20Students/index.html>

The application includes the following components:

- Personal Information
- Education
- Prerequisite Course Status
- Essay
- Signature

Personal Information

Provide current contact information, both local and permanent mailing addresses. If a change of address occurs between the time of applying and when the decisions are announced, it is the responsibility of the applicant to notify the Nursing Program Administrative Assistant of the change.

Education

List all education (high school and college) as noted on the form. If a degree was earned, please note in the appropriate section.

One Written Essay

Within the electronic application form, there is a section for the applicant to submit a 300 word maximum essay, answering the following two questions:

- 1) *Why do you want to pursue nursing as a profession?*
- 2) *Why are you choosing George Fox University for your nursing education?*

The essay is evaluated on the following:

- ♦ Introduction
- ♦ Content
- ♦ Theme
- ♦ Organization
- ♦ Grammar

HESI Admission Assessment Exam (A2)

Each applicant must complete this **mandatory** entrance examination.

The HESI A² is offered at George Fox University at the following times:

- Wednesday, March 21, 2018 5:30pm - 9:00pm
- Friday, March 23, 2018 5:30pm – 9:00pm
- Monday, March 26, 2018 9:00am – 12:30pm

Non-George Fox students are welcome to take the exam at George Fox University for no extra charge.

HESI A2 Exam reservation requests can be submitted via the registration link found on the GFU School of Nursing website.

Applicants not able to test at GFU Newberg will need to take the exam at a Prometric Testing Center. Applicants can locate a Prometric Testing Center at Prometric.com

Recommendation and Appraisal Form

Two Recommendation and Appraisal Forms must be submitted by the application deadline of April 3, 2018 by 4:00 pm. Forms are available at <http://nursing.georgefox.edu>. It is required that the forms be completed as follows:

- a. One from a college or university professor.
- b. One from someone who knows the applicant's aptitude for the nursing profession.

Letters of Recommendation may be submitted, but will **not replace** the two required Recommendation and Appraisal forms.

General Information

General Education Requirements

Nursing students must meet the general education requirements of the University for the Bachelor of Science degree.

Wait List

A wait list is implemented when there are more qualified applicants than placement capacity for an incoming class. Applicants placed on the wait list are notified by mail. If positions become available to accommodate additional eligible students, the wait list will be activated. Applicants are only on the wait list for the year of application.

Re-Application (Applying to the Nursing Program for the second time)

All students reapplying to the George Fox University Nursing program must meet that application years admission criteria (cumulative grade point average and completion of prerequisite courses) and follow all steps detailed in the application procedure for that year in order to be eligible for admission. Reapplication does not guarantee admission.

Upon acceptance into the program

Students accepted into the program will receive more information in their acceptance packet regarding the following requirements.

- Criminal Background Check and Mandatory Drug Screen: Final acceptance into the nursing program is contingent upon passing a background check and drug screen.
- Immunizations: Official documents will be required to validate students are current with all immunization requirements.
- CPR Certification: Students accepted into the program must have current certification from the **American Heart Association**. Only “**BLS for Healthcare Provider**” program certification will be accepted.

Application Checklist	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application submitted by April 3, 2018 at 4:00 pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal information• Education• Prerequisites• Essay• Signature
<input type="checkbox"/>	Take HESI A ² by April 3, 2018
<input type="checkbox"/>	Official transcript evaluation completed by GFU Registrar office (for all courses taken at other colleges or universities)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Official transcripts for in progress courses submitted prior to June 25, 2018
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two (2) Recommendation and Appraisal forms submitted by April 3, 2018 at 4:00 pm